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Their job done, vets seek work at home

Removal of US troops means more soldiers will be returning to Philly and facing unemployment

Odds worse for younger troops without civilian work experience

When Iraq war veteran Mike Moore was discharged from the Marines in 2006, he immediately enrolled in college and got an associate's degree in paralegal studies. He thought finding a job would be fairly easy given his résumé, but it's proven to be a struggle.

"I almost feel dumb for going into the military and thinking it would help me because [my friends who didn't join the military] all joined these union jobs and bought houses," said Moore, 29, who's living with his parents in Doylestown. "They have like a four- or five-year head start on me."

Unemployment for veterans remains higher than the national rate, with 12.1 percent of former service members jobless in November compared to 9 percent of the overall population. The removal of the last U.S. troops from Iraq last week means more soldiers will likely be hitting the unemployment line soon.

Despite attempts at the federal, state and local levels to encourage employers to hire veterans, one of the biggest challenges is transferring the skills they obtained in the military to the private and public sectors, according to Chris Shull, a local veteran employment representative at Pennsylvania CareerLink.

"You can do the job, but there's no proof that you have the knowledge," said Shull, a Navy veteran, adding that employers are hesitant to take chances in the current economic climate. "And some of [the younger troops] have never had jobs. When they come back, depending on what issues they face ... they may not have the wherewithal."

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Decline in homelessness among veterans between January 2010 and January 2011, the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development announced last week. The Obama administration's goal is to end veteran homelessness by 2015.

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▶ Iraq war veteran Mike Moore hasn't been able to find a job, despite earning an associate's degree.

"There are just a lot of disconnected activities that the county and state are participating in and there's no coordination between the two."

STATE SEN. ANTHONY WILLIAMS, OF PHILADELPHIA, WHO HAS SPONSORED A BILL THAT WOULD GIVE EMPLOYERS TAX CREDITS FOR HIRING VETERANS WHO HAVE BEEN HONORABLY DISCHARGED

In the news

Woman stabs, kills boyfriend

A woman fatally stabbed her boyfriend in the neck yesterday morning, police said. Officers responding to the 5200 block of Cottage Street at 5:50 a.m. were met by the victim's girlfriend, Marchelle Pickney, 27. They found Brandt Lollie with a stab wound to the neck. METRO

In the news

Home invasion terrifies family

Three Hispanic masked men wearing black clothing and driving a black work van ambushed a homeowner as he was leaving for work at 10:15 a.m. They forced the man at gunpoint inside his home, where they tied him and three other family members in the basement. No injuries were reported and no arrests have been made.

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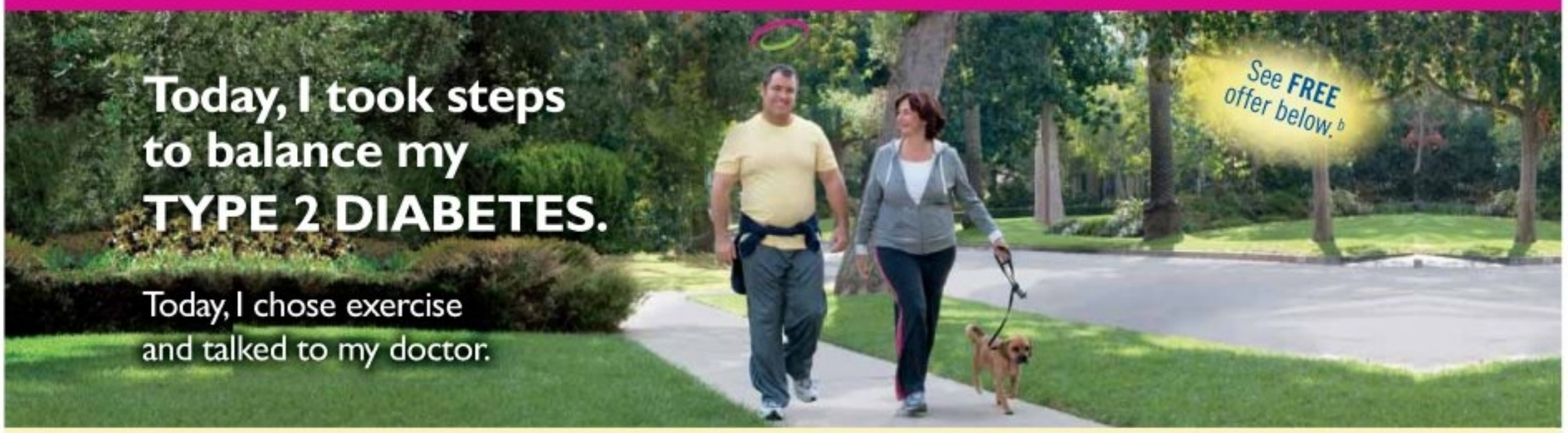

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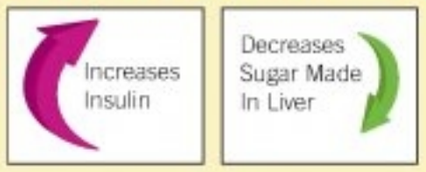

- **JANUVIA is a once-daily prescription pill that helps your body increase the insulin made in your pancreas and decrease the sugar made in your liver.**
- **Along with diet and exercise, JANUVIA helps lower blood sugar levels in adults with type 2 diabetes.**
- **JANUVIA is not likely to cause weight gain or low blood sugar (hypoglycemia).**

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Do not take JANUVIA if you are allergic to any of its ingredients, including sitagliptin. Symptoms of serious allergic reactions to JANUVIA, including rash, hives, and swelling of the face, lips, tongue, and throat that may cause difficulty breathing or swallowing, can occur. If you have any symptoms of a serious allergic reaction, stop taking JANUVIA and call your doctor right away.

Kidney problems, sometimes requiring dialysis, have been reported.

If you take JANUVIA with another medicine that can cause low blood sugar (hypoglycemia), such as a sulfonylurea or insulin, your risk of getting low blood sugar is higher. The dose of your sulfonylurea medicine or insulin may need to be lowered while you use JANUVIA. Signs and symptoms of low blood sugar may include headache, drowsiness, weakness, dizziness, confusion, irritability, hunger, fast heart beat, sweating, and feeling jittery.

Your doctor may do blood tests before and during treatment with JANUVIA to see how well your kidneys are working. Based on these results, your doctor may change your dose of JANUVIA. The most common side effects of JANUVIA are upper respiratory tract infection, stuffy or runny nose and sore throat, and headache.

Call 1-888-JANUVIA or visit Januvia.com.

You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA. Visit www.fda.gov/medwatch, or call 1-800-FDA-1088.

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JANUVIA® (jah-NEW-vee-ah) (sitagliptin) Tablets

Read this Medication Guide carefully before you start taking JANUVIA and each time you get a refill. There may be new information. This information does not take the place of talking with your doctor about your medical condition or your treatment. If you have any questions about JANUVIA, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

What is the most important information I should know about JANUVIA?

Serious side effects can happen in people taking JANUVIA, including inflammation of the pancreas (pancreatitis) which may be severe and lead to death.

Certain medical problems make you more likely to get pancreatitis.

Before you start taking JANUVIA:

Tell your doctor if you have ever had

- pancreatitis
- stones in your gallbladder (gallstones)
- a history of alcoholism
- high blood triglyceride levels
- kidney problems

Stop taking JANUVIA and call your doctor right away if you have pain in your stomach area (abdomen) that is severe and will not go away. The pain may be felt going from your abdomen through to your back. The pain may happen with or without vomiting. These may be symptoms of pancreatitis.

What is JANUVIA?

- JANUVIA is a prescription medicine used along with diet and exercise to lower blood sugar in adults with type 2 diabetes.
- JANUVIA is not for people with type 1 diabetes.
- JANUVIA is not for people with diabetic ketoacidosis (increased ketones in your blood or urine).
- If you have had pancreatitis (inflammation of the pancreas) in the past, it is not known if you have a higher chance of getting pancreatitis while you take JANUVIA.
- It is not known if JANUVIA is safe and effective when used in children under 18 years of age.

Who should not take JANUVIA?

Do not take JANUVIA if:

- you are allergic to any of the ingredients in JANUVIA. See the end of this Medication Guide for a complete list of ingredients in JANUVIA.

  Symptoms of a serious allergic reaction to JANUVIA may include:
  - rash
  - raised red patches on your skin (hives)
  - swelling of the face, lips, tongue, and throat that may cause difficulty in breathing or swallowing

What should I tell my doctor before taking JANUVIA?

Before you take JANUVIA, tell your doctor if you:

- have or have had inflammation of your pancreas (pancreatitis).
- have kidney problems.
- have any other medical conditions.
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if JANUVIA will harm your unborn baby. If you are pregnant, talk with your doctor about the best way to control your blood sugar while you are pregnant.

  Pregnancy Registry: If you take JANUVIA at any time during your pregnancy, talk with your doctor about how you can join the JANUVIA pregnancy registry. The purpose of this registry is to collect information about the health of you and your baby. You can enroll in this registry by calling 1-800-986-8999.
- are breast-feeding or plan to breast-feed. It is not known if JANUVIA will pass into your breast milk. Talk with your doctor about the best way to feed your baby if you are taking JANUVIA.

Tell your doctor about all the medicines you take, including prescription and non-prescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

Know the medicines you take. Keep a list of your medicines and show it to your doctor and pharmacist when you get a new medicine.

How should I take JANUVIA?

- Take JANUVIA 1 time each day exactly as your doctor tells you.
- You can take JANUVIA with or without food.
- Your doctor may do blood tests from time to time to see how well your kidneys are working. Your doctor may change your dose of JANUVIA based on the results of your blood tests.
- Your doctor may tell you to take JANUVIA along with other diabetes medicines. Low blood sugar can happen more often when JANUVIA is taken with certain other diabetes medicines. See **"What are the possible side effects of JANUVIA?"**.
- If you miss a dose, take it as soon as you remember. If you do not remember until it is time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your regular schedule. Do not take two doses of JANUVIA at the same time.
- If you take too much JANUVIA, call your doctor or local Poison Control Center right away.
- When your body is under some types of stress, such as fever, trauma (such as a car accident), infection or surgery, the amount of diabetes medicine that you need may change. Tell your doctor right away if you have any of these conditions and follow your doctor's instructions.
- Check your blood sugar as your doctor tells you to.
- Stay on your prescribed diet and exercise program while taking JANUVIA.
- Talk to your doctor about how to prevent, recognize and manage low blood sugar (hypoglycemia), high blood sugar (hyperglycemia), and problems you have because of your diabetes.
- Your doctor will check your diabetes with regular blood tests, including your blood sugar levels and your hemoglobin A1C.

What are the possible side effects of JANUVIA?

Serious side effects have happened in people taking JANUVIA.

- See **"What is the most important information I should know about JANUVIA?"**.
- **Low blood sugar (hypoglycemia).** If you take JANUVIA with another medicine that can cause low blood sugar, such as a sulfonylurea or insulin, your risk of getting low blood sugar is higher. The dose of your sulfonylurea medicine or insulin may need to be lowered while you use JANUVIA. Signs and symptoms of low blood sugar may include:
  - headache
  - drowsiness
  - weakness
  - dizziness
  - confusion
  - irritability
  - hunger
  - fast heart beat
  - sweating
  - feeling jittery
- **Serious allergic reactions.** If you have any symptoms of a serious allergic reaction, stop taking JANUVIA and call your doctor right away. See **"Who should not take JANUVIA?"**. Your doctor may give you a medicine for your allergic reaction and prescribe a different medicine for your diabetes.
- **Kidney problems,** sometimes requiring dialysis

The most common side effects of JANUVIA include:

- upper respiratory infection
- stuffy or runny nose and sore throat
- headache

JANUVIA may have other side effects, including:

- stomach upset and diarrhea
- swelling of the hands or legs, when JANUVIA is used with rosiglitazone (Avandia®). Rosiglitazone is another type of diabetes medicine.

These are not all the possible side effects of JANUVIA. For more information, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Tell your doctor if you have any side effect that bothers you, is unusual or does not go away.

Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

How should I store JANUVIA?

Store JANUVIA at 68°F to 77°F (20°C to 25°C).

Keep JANUVIA and all medicines out of the reach of children.

General information about the use of JANUVIA

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes that are not listed in Medication Guides. Do not use JANUVIA for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give JANUVIA to other people, even if they have the same symptoms you have. It may harm them.

This Medication Guide summarizes the most important information about JANUVIA. If you would like to know more information, talk with your doctor. You can ask your doctor or pharmacist for additional information about JANUVIA that is written for health professionals. For more information, go to www.JANUVIA.com or call 1-800-622-4477.

What are the ingredients in JANUVIA?

Active ingredient: sitagliptin.

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What is type 2 diabetes?

Type 2 diabetes is a condition in which your body does not make enough insulin, and the insulin that your body produces does not work as well as it should. Your body can also make too much sugar. When this happens, sugar (glucose) builds up in the blood. This can lead to serious medical problems.

High blood sugar can be lowered by diet and exercise, and by certain medicines when necessary.

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Nonprofit lends helping hand through Facebook

- Sink or Swim collects money from anonymous donors to aid Philadelphians with medical bills
- How they're helping one young cancer patient

Sure, you feel healthy, and you try to stay that way. You eat the appropriate daily servings of vegetables and whole grains, you break a sweat a few times a week — you even sleep for eight hours most nights. Okay, five. So you choose your work's lowest-cost health insurance plan offering minimal coverage — you've never even been to the doctor.

But one day, you don't feel so well. You become acquainted with the exhausting barrage of diagnostic tests that accompany each doctors' visit and ER admission.

Two months later, you're given the diagnosis: cancer. A grapefruit-sized tumor in your colon requires immediate surgical removal followed by chemotherapy. You're 32 years old.

This is the story of Conshohocken resident Kristen Marconi, a software company recruiter. "Finding out that I had cancer, the most difficult part is, honestly, having to deal with all the financial implications of it," she said. It was only after she was hospitalized several times that she found out her insurance would only cover the first $1,000 of her expenses — and, when all is said and done, her bill is expected to total about $100,000.

86%

As of last night around 5 p.m., Kristen had met 86 percent of her $1,600 goal with 13 days left, and only needed $220 more. Although the total would cover just the cost of her hospital stays, she is grateful. "That's six months of repayment for me," she said. "It's very surprising that just the general public would make donations — people I don't even know.

A friend introduced her to Sink or Swim, a Facebook-based nonprofit founded in October by No-Libs resident Marion Leary that collects money from anonymous donors worldwide in an attempt to provide, if nothing else, temporary financial relief to one under- or uninsured Philadelphia-area recipient per month.

"A lot of people that I knew had friends or family who were having these catastrophic illnesses or injuries and not just dealing with their recovery and their families' recovery, but, on top of that, having to deal with these enormous medical bills," said Leary, a former critical care nurse and current clinical researcher.

SOS applicants are thoroughly vetted, and all money is paid to collection or billing agencies only.

The Facebook page began as a free precursor to a permanent website, but Leary was so astounded by the response, she continued to use the social media platform. "This is the amazing thing with using Facebook and social networking — you can reach people all around the world you wouldn't have access to otherwise with the click of a button. Tens of hundreds of thousands of people within minutes can see a post and decide if they want to donate."

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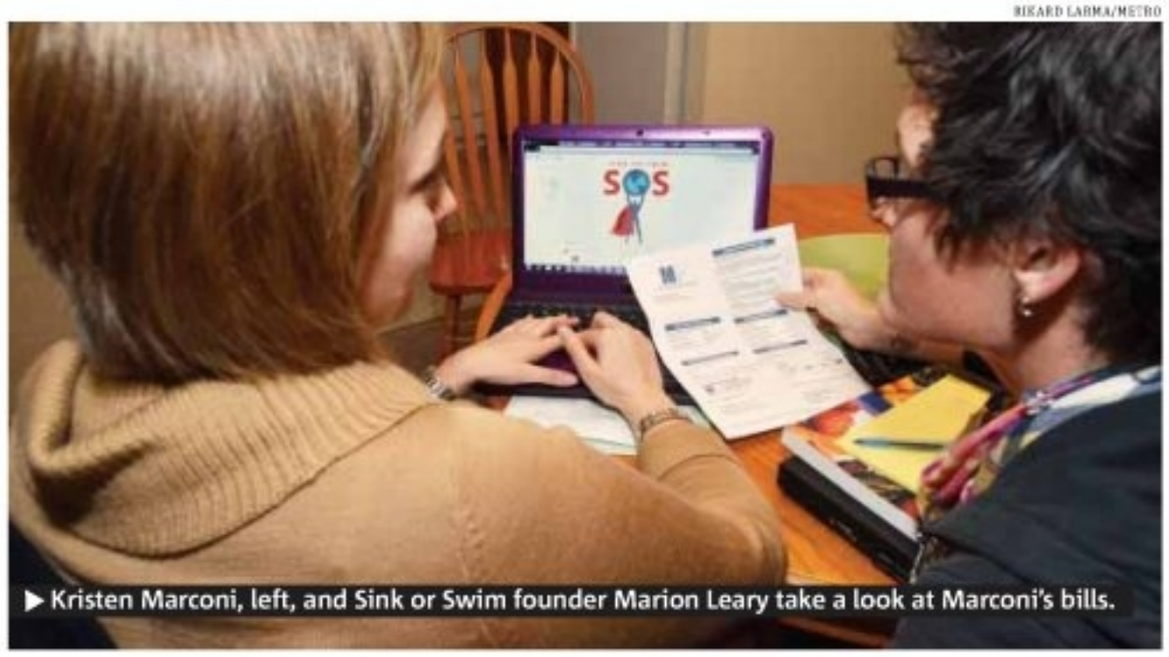

▶ Kristen Marconi, left, and Sink or Swim founder Marion Leary take a look at Marconi's bills.

Reaching out for others

Leary also crossposts peoples' stories on other pages. For example, the first SOS recipient was a dogwalker, Leah Melito, who tore her Achilles tendon. Leary posted on animal rescue and advocacy pages. "There were donors from rescues on the other side of the country," Melito said. "I saw a comment from one donor from a rescue in California. Having a cause in common really did encourage people to donate. It is nice that people from the animal rescue community definitely contributed."

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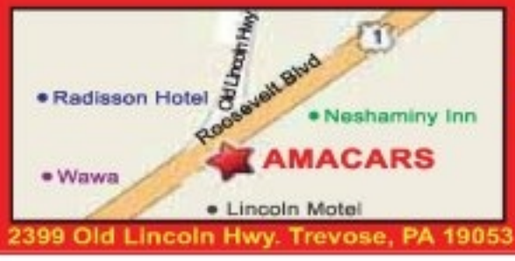

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Kim Jong-il, North Korean leader, dead

North Korean leader Kim Jong-il, revered at home by a propaganda machine that turned him into a demigod and vilified in the West as a temperamental tyrant, has died, North Korean state television reported early today.

Kim, who was 69 years old, died on Saturday, it said.

Kim was the unchallenged head of the reclusive state whose economy fell deeper into poverty during his years in power as he vexed the world by developing a nuclear arms program and an arsenal of missiles aimed to hit neighbors Japan and South Korea.

Kim had been portrayed as a criminal mastermind behind deadly bombings, a jovial dinner host, a comic buffoon in Hollywood movies and by the administration of former U.S. President George W. Bush as the ruler of "an outpost of tyranny."

He was thought to have suffered a stroke in August 2008.

Known at home as "the Dear Leader," Kim took over North Korea in 1994 when his father and founder of the reclusive state Kim Il-sung, known as "the Great Leader," died.

Kim Jong-il was famed for his bouffant hairdo, platform shoes and jump suits. REUTERS

▶ North Korea's leader Kim Jong-il waves his hand from a car after the meeting with Russian President Dmitry Medvedev on Aug. 24.

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Leader portrayed differently at home

Kim was known as a womanizer, a drinker and a movie buff, according to those people who had been in close contact with him and later left the country.

He enjoyed ogling Russian dancing girls, amassing a wine cellar with more than 10,000 bottles and downing massive amounts of lobster and cognac.

North Korea's propaganda machine painted a much more different picture.

It said Kim piloted jet fighters — even though he travelled by land for his infrequent trips abroad. He penned operas, had a photographic memory, produced movies and accomplished a feat unmatched in the annals of professional golf, shooting 11 holes-in-one on the first round he ever played.

When he first took power in 1994, many analysts thought Kim's term as North Korea's leader would be short-lived and powerful elements in the military would rise up to take control of the state.

Kim has three known sons. He is believed to have anointed the youngest, Kim Jong-un, to succeed him. REUTERS

Heart attack

North Korean Kim Jong-il suffered a massive heart attack on a train on Saturday, the North's KCNA news agency said in a separate dispatch about his death. An autopsy conducted yesterday confirmed the cause of death, it said.

Last US troops move out of Iraq, ending the war

The last convoy of U.S. soldiers pulled out of Iraq yesterday, ending nearly nine years of war that cost almost 4,500 American and tens of thousands of Iraqi lives, and left a country grappling with uncertainty.

The war launched in March 2003 with missiles striking Baghdad to oust President Saddam Hussein closes with a fragile democracy still facing insurgents, sectarian tensions and the challenge of defining its place in an Arab region in turmoil.

The final column of around 100 mostly U.S. military MRAP armored vehicles carrying 500 U.S. troops trundled across the southern Iraq desert from their last base through the night and daybreak along an empty highway to the Kuwaiti border.

Honking their horns, the last batch of around 25 American military trucks and tractor trailers carrying Bradley fighting vehicles crossed the border early on Sunday morning, their crews waving at fellow troops along the route.

"I just can't wait to call my wife and kids and let them know I am safe," Sgt. First Class Rodolfo Ruiz said as the border came into sight. Soon afterwards, he told his men the mission was over: "Hey guys, you made it."

For U.S. President Barack Obama, the military pullout is the fulfilment of an election promise to bring troops home from a conflict inherited from his predecessor, the most unpopular war since Vietnam and one that tainted America's standing worldwide.

For Iraqis, though, the U.S. departure brings a sense of sovereignty tempered by nagging fears their country may slide once again into the kind of sectarian violence that killed many thousands of people at its peak in 2006-2007. REUTERS

Fragile, divided

The troops are leaving a nation divided across sectarian and ethnic lines and still struggling with an insurgency and political uncertainty after sectarian slaughter drove it to the brink of civil war during 2006-2007.

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▶ Soldiers wave to those arriving in the last American military convoy to depart Iraq after crossing over the border into Kuwait yesterday.

Political strife resumes

The dust had barely settled from the last column of departing U.S. armored vehicles when Iraq's rival Sunni and Shiite factions resumed the kind of political infighting that threatens a lurch back into turmoil.

Within hours of the last U.S. troops rolling out, Shiite Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki had asked parliament to sack his Sunni deputy, and security sources said an arrest warrant was issued for the Sunni vice president.

Add to this a parliamentary boycott announced Saturday by the secular Iraqiya bloc, backed by many Sunnis, and the risk is growing of an intensified power struggle between Sunni, Shiite and Kurdish politicians that could leave Iraq vulnerable to meddling by Sunni Arab nations and Shiite Iran.

"This political dispute ... needs to be resolved ... to fill the security vacuum left in the country by the Americans," said political analyst Kadhim al-Meqdadi. REUTERS

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Public lines up for new low-cost appliance that slashes heat bills

Amish craftsmen vow to keep up with rush for brand-new Hybrid-Thermic™ 'Miracle Heater' that uses about the same energy as a coffee maker per hour, so just plug it in and never be cold again

Everyone hates high heat bills. But we're all sick and tired of turning the thermostat down and freezing our buns off.

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The brand-new portable L.E.D. Heat Surge HT sips so little energy, you can run it all day or all night for just about a buck.

This modern marvel, hailed as the 'Miracle Heater,' caused such a frenzy at Sears stores, one shopper refused to leave until she got one. Since there were none in stock, store managers were forced to hand over the store's only floor model, against store policy.

So today, immediate action is being taken to give more people, more ways to get them.

Beginning at 8:30 a.m., today's readers are allowed to phone in or snag one online. Heat Surge even posted a 2-Day Double Coupon which has been reprinted for today's readers to use.

By using this coupon, everyone who calls is being rewarded with $227. That makes this remarkable new home appliance a real steal at just $299. Since this is a Double Coupon Deal, it not only gives you an extraordinary discount, but also entitles you to free shipping and handling, totaling $227 off. So now everyone has a fair shot at getting one.

■ **GOTTA HAVE ONE:** People are flocking to Sears stores everywhere to get the brand-new Heat Surge HT. An eager crowd remained respectful as Jonas Miller stages a promotional delivery event. "I heard so much about the Amish Miracle Heater but couldn't find where to get one," an excited Mary Straughn said. That's why a National Appliance Hotline has been set up for today's readers who can't rush out to get one. Readers who call the Hotline at 1-800-618-8510 will get free delivery with an extraordinary 2-Day Double Coupon that has been reprinted to the right.

"Folks are saving money everywhere with the new Heat Surge HT," said Kris Rumel, the company's analyst tracking the impact Heat Surge is having on consumer heat bills.

This all started when Sears wanted the world-famous 'Amish Miracle Heater' that everyone was asking for.

The shy but now famous Amish craftsman said Sears made the most sense. "I'd reckon they're the oldest and most trusted in the country," one of the Amish craftsmen known as Melvin said.

"We've been saving folks money, big money. And we know it because we're

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hearin' about it," he said.

"They know about our quality. No particle board, just real wood. Fully-assembled cabinets by our hands and we're making them right here in the good ole USA," Melvin said.

Director of Technology David Martin explained, "The Heat Surge HT is a revolutionary appliance that can easily roll from room to room. But we didn't want it to look like some metal box that just sits there. So we turned to our Amish craftsmen and now each one is made to look like a sleek, slim fireplace that has no real flames."

"The peaceful flicker of the *'Fireless* Flame' is so beautiful, everyone thinks it's real, but it's totally safe to the touch. All you do is just plug it in," Martin said.

People from Maine to Mississippi and even Florida and Arizona are flocking to get them because they are finally able to give their central heat a rest during this long, frigid winter.

According to the avalanche of consumer reviews, people absolutely swear by them, repeatedly saying, "it saves money," "looks beautiful," and "keeps you warm head to toe, floor to ceiling." And the word is getting out. That's why people are clamoring to get them.

But Martin said right now the real problem is making sure the Amish craftsmen can keep up with the looming Christmas rush.

That's why the Double Coupon expires in two days.

So for readers hoping to get the new Heat Surge for themselves and take care of Christmas gifts for others, there is good news.

You can use the 2-Day Double Coupon more than once. But there is a catch. You can only get away with it for the next two days from the date of today's publication by calling the National Appliance Center at 1-800-618-8510.

Then, when it arrives, you'll be rushing to turn down that thermostat. Just plug it in, watch your heat bills hit rock bottom, and never be cold again. ■

■ **BLANKET FREE COMFORT:** "We just couldn't take another winter of always being cold. And as an early Christmas gift, we got one for the kids to help them with their heat bills," Julia White said.

■ **SAFE:** The beautiful L.E.D. *Fireless* Flame on the new Heat Surge HT is so stunning, everyone thinks it's real, but it's actually safe to the touch. It's so safe, it's where the kids will play & the pets will sleep.

How It Works: You get 74° of bone-soothing room heat even when the home thermostat is turned down to 59° with the first-ever Heat Surge HT

■ **MODERN MARVEL:** The revolutionary Heat Surge HT micro-furnace fits in any room because it's packed inside a small Amish-built cabinet that measures just 25" high, 18" wide, and 12" deep.

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This modern marvel uses L.E.D. technology and just a trickle of electricity and saves you money based on a U.S. average that says it uses only about 9¢ of electricity an hour on the standard setting, yet it produces up to an amazing 4,606 British Thermal Units (BTU's) on the high setting. But here's the big surprise. It's not just a metal box that belongs in a basement. The Heat Surge HT is a showpiece in any room. That's because it has the ambiance of a real fireplace, but it has no real flames. Its *Fireless* Flame® technology makes it safe to the touch.

Notice how the home thermostat is set at 59°. The left shows the Heat Surge Hybrid-Thermic 'Miracle Heater' blanketing the whole-room with 74° of warmth.

The portable Heat Surge HT comes installed in a genuine Amish-built wood cabinet made in the heartland of Ohio. They are hand-rubbed, stained, and varnished. When it arrives, all you do is just plug it in.

A Consumer Best Buy

An avalanche of unsolicited consumer reviews gives the company the reason to boast an overwhelming **Consumer 'Best Buy'** on the HeatReport.com website. Consumers should be aware of the fakes out there. This Hybrid-Thermic 'Miracle Heater' can never be found at Wal-Mart®, not at Lowe's®, not at Home Depot®, and none of the Club Stores. "Accept no imitations. If it does not have the Heat Surge name on it, it is not real Amish and it is not Hybrid-Thermic™. I repeat, if it does not have the Heat Surge name on it, you are getting ripped off," said Heat Surge Chief Compliance Officer, Bob Knowles. The Heat Surge has earned the coveted Underwriters Laboratories certification and is protected by a limited full year replacement or money back warranty and 30-day Satisfaction Guarantee.

How to get the Double Coupon Deal: Phone in to use coupon now

■ **JUST 2 DAYS REMAIN:** An extraordinary $227.00 Double Coupon Deal has been authorized for today's readers. To use the $227.00 coupon and get the Heat Surge HT for just $299, you must call the National Appliance Center at 1-800-618-8510. Because it's a Double Coupon, it entitles you to FREE Shipping and Handling, but only for those that beat the deadline.

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Romney's big endorsement

WASHINGTON. Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney received a potential boost to his presidential campaign in Iowa by winning the endorsement of the Des Moines Register.

"He has solid credentials in a career that includes running and starting successful businesses, turning around the 2002 Winter Olympics and working with both political parties as Massachusetts governor to pass important initiatives," Iowa's largest newspaper said in an endorsement released yesterday. **BLOOMBERG**

Occupy our inbox

This weekend saw the most active voting in the three-year history of Metro's Man and Woman of the Year event.

Hundreds of votes were cast, split almost equally between Apple co-founder Steve Jobs and the Occupy movement. Occupy still has a distinct lead in votes over Jobs, as voting for the event enters its last week. But support for Jobs has substantially reduced that gap in the last three days, and there is still all to play for.

Congresswoman Gabby Giffords trails behind.

Voting continues until 5 p.m. Thursday. Vote for your choice from Steve Jobs, the Occupy movement, or Gabby Giffords, by e-mailing **mwoty@metro.us**.

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MAN AND WOMAN OF THE YEAR
2011

Vaclav Havel paved path for peaceful protesters

▶ Thousands of mourners commemorated the death of Vaclav Havel in Prague.

SEAN GALLUP/GETTY IMAGES

◗ Famous dissident dead of cancer complications at age 75 ◗ Led Pragues's democratic 'Velvet Revolution'

Vaclav Havel, a dissident playwright jailed by Communists who became Czech president and a symbol of peace and freedom after leading the bloodless "Velvet Revolution," died at 75 yesterday.

The former chain smoker died at his country home in Hradecek, north of Prague, of a long respiratory illness after surviving operations for lung cancer and a burst intestine in the late 1990s that left him frail for more than a decade.

The diminutive playwright rose to fame after facing down Prague's communist regime. His plays were banned for two decades and he was thrown into prison several times after launching Charter 77, a manifesto demanding the communist government adhere to international standards for human rights.

Quoted

"Truth and love will overcome lies and hatred."

SLOGAN FROM HAVEL THAT CZECHS REMEMBER FROM THE "VELVET REVOLUTION" DAYS

Just six months after completing his last jail sentence, Havel led hundreds of thousands of protesters in Prague's cobblestone streets in a peaceful uprising in November 1989 that ended Soviet-backed rule. Just over a month later, he was installed as president.

Much of his two terms was cast as a struggle for the soul of democratic reforms against right-wing economist Vaclav Klaus, who eventually replaced Havel as president in 2003.

Human rights stayed high on his agenda, as did anxiety about the environment and the pursuit of moral values in the globalising world, and he was nominated several times for the Nobel Peace Prize.

"He was a great and well-deserving man and will be greatly missed," said Polish dissident leader Lech Walesa. **REUTERS**

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Storm kills hundreds in Philippines

Rescuers searched for more than 800 people missing in the southern Philippines yesterday after flash floods and landslides swept houses into rivers and out to sea, killing more than 650 people in areas ill-prepared to cope with storms.

Cagayan de Oro and nearby Iligan cities on Mindanao island were worst hit when Typhoon Washi slammed ashore while people slept late on Friday and early Saturday, sending torrents of water and mud through villages and stripping mountainsides bare.

Floods washed away entire houses with families inside in dozens of coastal villages in Cagayan de Oro and Iligan.

"Local mortuaries are no longer accepting cadavers."
BRIG. GEN. ROLAND AMARILLE, HEAD OF AN ARMY TASK FORCE IN ILIGAN

The state disaster agency said adequate warnings had been given to officials and residents three days before the typhoon made landfall.

Disaster and health officials were struggling to deal with the scores of bodies that have been recovered. Some were stacked one on top of each other in understaffed mortuaries unable to cope with the numbers of dead. **REUTERS**

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▶ Residents work among the debris and floodwaters in the southern island of Mindnanao, Philippines.

In Japan, holidays a needed sales bump

TOKYO. Hiromi Komatsu is hitting Tokyo department stores in search of Christmas presents this year for the first time in her life, as she prepares for a rare visit of family members for the holiday season.

Komatsu isn't spending in isolation. The opening of wallets during Japan's busiest shopping month could give the world's third-largest economy a boost at a time when Europe's debt crisis and a yen near post-war highs against the dollar endanger a rebound from a tremblor that left more than 19,000 people dead or missing. **BLOOMBERG**

10%
December shopping accounts for 10 percent of annual retail sales in Japan, state data show.

Dozens die in rig sink

MOSCOW. A drilling rig with 67 crew on board capsized and sank off Russia's far eastern island of Sakhalin yesterday while being towed through a winter storm, leaving more than 50 dead or missing in the icy Sea of Okhotsk.

Officials said the crew of an icebreaker and tugboat rescued 14 workers alive from the jack-up rig, the "Kolskaya," which was operated by a Russian offshore exploration firm. They recovered four bodies from the water. **REUTERS**

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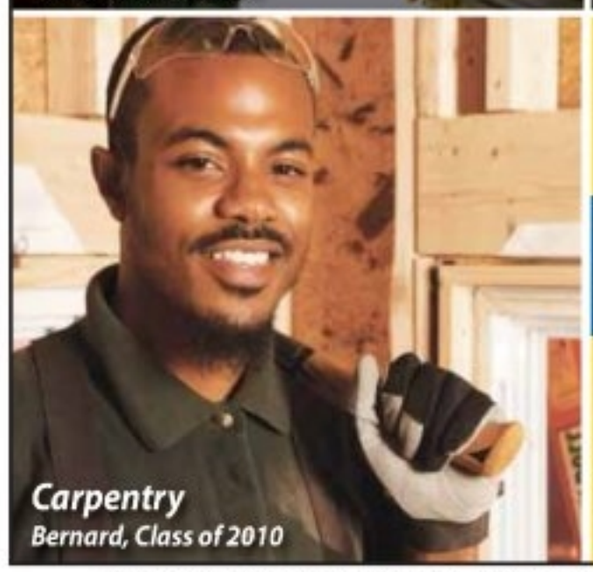

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Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

The story behind Spears' engagement

Thanks to giving up the reigns to her life to a court-appointed conservatorship (her father and a lawyer) and, well, I'm just guessing here, some big pharma mood-stabilizers, I believe **Britney Spears** is in a much happier and healthier head space than she's ever been. It actually seems like things are back to normal for the star/robot. Which is why it's surprising to see her engagement to boyfriend and former agent **Jason Trawick** come across as the most orchestrated news item since **Kim Kardashian**'s wedding. After all, "normal" megawatt celebrities keep things like this private; only the ones with something to prove try to force it down our throats.

On Thursday, the two got engaged. And then they celebrated that engagement — and Trawick's 40th birthday — in Las Vegas on Friday night. And, wouldn't you know it? An army of photographers and publicists were at the ready. They followed them through each perfectly crafted event — from the two of them checking in to Planet Hollywood, then having dinner at Sugar Factory American Brasserie, to dancing at the Chateau nightclub (notice all of that product placement — I'm sure they all paid a pretty penny for this). The whole night was completely packaged for our enjoyment.

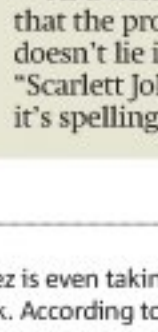
Sure, out of everything that Spears has been through, a formulated engagement is nothing. It's just kind of sad that this living doll can't be a real person who celebrates real milestones authentically.

PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

▶ Oh, you know, just a quiet celebration at Planet Hollywood ...

Don't call her ScarJo

After going through a divorce from **Ryan Reynolds**, **Scarlett Johansson** hasn't completely ruled out tying the knot again. "I have no idea. I don't X things off. I don't know. Life is long," she tells USA Today. But for the time being, she's getting the most out of being single. "It's been nice to just focus on that and to focus on myself. There's something quite refreshing about it." But Johansson admits she'd be a lot happier if people would stop referring to her as ScarJo. "Oh, it's awful. It's a laziness. People can't actually say the whole name? It's just bizarre," she says.

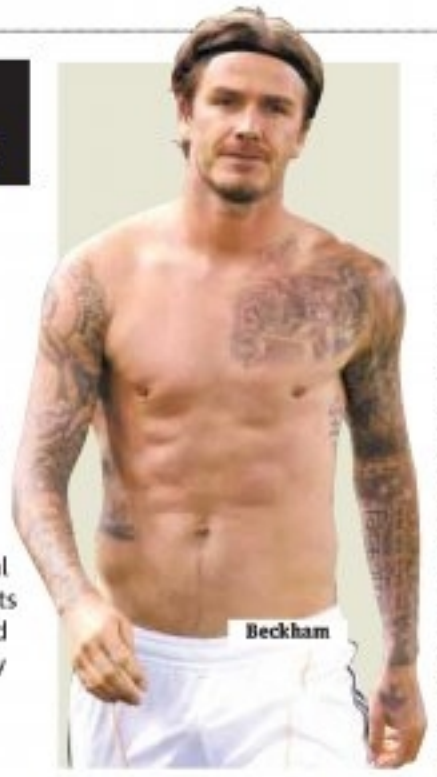


As a writer, I know that the problem doesn't lie in saying "Scarlett Johansson" — it's spelling it.

Talking points

From soccer star to movie star?

Tom Cruise has his eye on a new co-star, telling the Daily Mirror that he would "love to do action movies with **[David] Beckham**." But before turning his athletic pal into a movie star, Cruise wants something too: "David would have to teach me how to play soccer first," he says. Cruise even has a type of role in mind, saying that Beckham "would make a great baddie."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Hef is proven wrong

Hugh Hefner admits he wasn't totally convinced having **Lindsay Lohan** pose nude for Playboy was a great idea. "I kind of had mixed emotions about it initially, and then it turned into something bigger than life," Hefner tells E! News. "I wasn't quite sure where she was at in her life, obviously. It depends on whether it's Tuesday or Thursday." And while he is pleased with the final product, the magazine mogul says he wasn't the only one who needed convincing about Lohan baring all. "I think it was essentially mama and the folks around her that kept pushing for less nudity," Hefner says. "And I said, 'We're doing a nude pictorial here. We're going to do it in a very classy way and we're going to do it in a way in which it will not be forgotten.'"

More on Lopez and Smart (barf)

Jennifer Lopez and her new boyfriend, dancer **Casper Smart**, have been pretty much inseparable. First there was Thanksgiving in Mexico and a trip to Morocco, and now Lopez is even taking Smart to work. According to Hollyscoop, Smart has been paying Lopez visits on the set of "American Idol" while she and judges **Randy Jackson** and **Steven Tyler** hold auditions in Pasadena, Calif. And a source says Lopez has even given Smart permission to drive her Bentley, which can't be sitting well with **Marc Anthony**, who doesn't want Smart driving his kids around since he was previously arrested on drag-racing charges.

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The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Albert Brooks is still smarting over not getting a Screen Actors Guild Award nomination, Patton Oswalt is engaging in some interesting promotional activities, Jonah Hill is watching MTV and Kirstie Alley likes what she's hearing.

▶ **@AlbertBrooks**
Just got back from mall. Told Santa what I wanted. He said he didn't even know what SAG was, let alone how to punish it.

▶ **@pattonoswalt**
Anyone who sees #Young Adult, please Tweet your home address. I will personally bring a casserole to you.

▶ **@JonahHill**
"True Life: I Have A Hot Mom" is easily my favorite True Life.

▶ **@kirstiealley**
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A whale of a weekend for celebs

1. What does this Beluga whale want for Christmas? He let Santa know at SeaWorld San Diego on Thursday in San Diego, Calif.

2. Mary J. Blige seemed contemplative during an interview at the WDAS iHeart Performance Theater on Thursday in Bala Cynwyd, Pa.

3. Tom Cruise and Suri Cruise were snapped leaving their Tribeca hotel on Friday in New York City.

4. Kim Kardashian stepped out sans wedding ring at the grand opening of the Kardashian Khaos store at the Mirage Hotel & Casino on Friday in Las Vegas.

5. A sleek Sandra Bullock attended the "Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close" New York premiere at the Ziegfeld Theater on Friday in New York City.

6. Zac Efron attended the "New Year's Eve" Press Conference at Grand Hyatt Tokyo on Friday in Tokyo, Japan.

7. Flea of American rock band Red Hot Chili Peppers hulked out on stage at the Palau Sant Jordi on Thursday in Barcelona, Spain.

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Peace on Earth, 'Guy Code' to men

With new holiday episode, MTV2 show sets record straight on ugly sweaters and gifts for bros and girls

▶ "Guy Code" premieres two new back-to-back episodes, including the holiday episode, tomorrow at 11 p.m. on MTV2.

'Tis the season to be jolly, but comedian Damien Lemon says that the key is to not overdo it. Lemon is one of the funnier talking heads on MTV2's "Guy Code," a show that basically serves as an instructional video on how to not make an ass of yourself — something us guys are prone to do without guidance.

"There are festivities and it is a joyous occasion," says Lemon about the holidays, "but you need to temper that enthusiasm."

Here are a few of Lemon's other tips to making sure the most wonderful time of the year actually lives up to its title.

Buy a manly gift for your best bro

"I personally wouldn't give another dude a fragrance, I wouldn't give another dude some underwear. I'd give a dude some DVDs, 'The Wire,' 'Sons of Anarchy,' something aggressive. Maybe a whiskey."

Buy an appropriate gift for the girl you're crushing on in the office

"At work, you've gotta be careful. You don't want to jump out the window. You don't wanna buy lingerie and get fired. Stick with something that's cool and benign; a candle, or something like that. It smells good, she'll probably light it later in her bedroom."

Don we now our crazy sweater apparel

"Some people do the holiday sweaters and things of that nature. You kind of want to dress up a little bit to celebrate. It's the holiday season — this is the one where you have to be in mandatory good spirits — so you should dress up a little bit. Don't overdo it. [If you are going to don an ugly sweater], pick one character, commit to one thing; 'I'm gonna have a reindeer this year.' ... Don't do reindeer, elves and a Santa Claus. ... You don't need a nativity scene on your sweater."

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Sacrifice your pride for those family traditions

"The thing about the holidays — especially Christmas — is it's not all about you. So if your family has a tradition that may be kind of corny, you indulge a little. We have this thing in my family called Hug Fest, and it sounds crazy, it sounds like some Huxtable type of situation. ... Around 11, my family's gonna sing a song, a lot of people in my family sing so it doesn't look as bad as it could. I just hum in the back, I'm not trying to go up in there with a baritone, no solos. So anyway, we do that up until midnight and then everyone hugs each other. It's a family tradition. Now I wouldn't tell any of my homeboys about this. It's something you do for your family."

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'Sherlock Holmes' sequel leads weekend box office

Action adventure film "Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows" led a trio of sequels at the U.S. box office over the weekend with $40 million in ticket sales, according to studio estimates compiled by Reuters on Sunday.

The sequel to 2009's "Sherlock Holmes" starring Robert Downey Jr. beat "Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked," the third film in the popular family franchise. "Chipwrecked" pulled in $23.5 million from Friday through Sunday.

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▶ Robert Downey Jr. and Jude Law add another film to the "Sherlock" franchise.

"Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol," the fourth movie in the action series starring Tom Cruise, was in third place with $13 million at just 425 theaters over three days. "Sherlock Holmes" and "Chipwrecked" played in more than 3,700 theaters each.

Warner Bros. distributed "Sherlock Holmes: Game of Shadows." "Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked" was released by 20th Century Fox, and Paramount, released "Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol." REUTERS

TV watch list

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▶ Taylor (Stephen Lang) prepares for the arrival of the 11th Pilgrimage in the two-hour season finale of "Terra Nova."

'Terra Nova'

DRAMA. "The faith of mankind all comes down to one final battle," Fox says of the time-travel drama's two-hour finale, in which the evil Phoenix Group takes control of the colony. Can't Jim and Taylor just sic the dinosaurs on them? **Season finale, 8 p.m., Fox**

'The Mortified Sessions'

REALITY. Comic couple Nick Offerman ("Parks and Recreation") and Megan Mullally ("Will & Grace") share less-than-flattering (but totally hilarious) details on their awkward years. **8 p.m., Sundance Channel**

'Cake Boss: Next Great Baker'

REALITY. The ol' gingerbread house with candy cane shingles probably won't cut it in this holiday-themed cake challenge. **9 p.m., TLC**

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Zen in the city

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The holiday season is supposed to be full of good cheer — but it can often make us anxious. Packed sidewalks, gift lists and even holiday parties can all contribute to an inner frenzy. To calm this frantic state of mind, take advantage of the city's most relaxing spots. This week, give yourself a holiday break and get your zen on!

Begin by kicking the caffeine. Yup, that's right: Rather than rush to your local coffee spot, take some down time with a steaming cup of fragrant decaf tea. Grab a good book and get cozy at a local tea shop or cafe. Take time out from a hectic day, clear space in your mind and enjoy the warmth of tea time.

▶ If the tea shop's too far, bring the coziness to you.

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Once you're comfy, stretch past your stress by checking out a yoga class. Yoga will guide you to stretch beyond your holiday stress and release tension. If you begin a yoga practice in December, the serenity you experience will lead you into the new year with grace.

Finally, if you want to get your zen on but can't put off that holiday shopping, make a positive perception playlist and listen to music while you shop. Music can greatly enhance your shopping experience and help you avoid annoying holiday songs that play on repeat.

Sink into the merry moments of this holiday season, take a deep breath and get your zen on!

— Gabrielle Bernstein is the author of "Spirit Junkie."

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Strike a pose

Extended side angle pose

▶ Reach!

What to do:

▶ Stand with the big toes touching, heels slightly apart. Exhale and step so your feet are four feet apart.

▶ Raise your arms parallel to the floor and reach them out to the sides, shoulder blades wide, palms down.

▶ Turn your left foot in slightly to the right and your right foot out to the right 90 degrees.

▶ Anchor the back heel to the floor. Exhale and bend your right knee over the right ankle so that the shin is perpendicular to the floor. As you bend the knee, aim the inner knee toward the pinky toe side of the foot. Bring the right thigh parallel to the floor.

▶ Firm your shoulder blades against the back ribs. Extend your left arm straight up toward the ceiling, then turn your left palm to face toward your head. With an inhalation, reach the arm over the back of your left ear, palm facing the floor. Stretch from your left heel through your left fingertips, lengthening the entire left side of your body.

▶ Ground your left heel to the floor as you exhale and lay the right side of your torso down onto the top of the right thigh.

▶ Press your right fingertips on the floor just outside of your right foot. Push the right knee against the inner arm and burrow your tailbone into the back of your pelvis.

▶ Hold for up to one minute, then repeat the sequence on the opposite side. METRO

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4 Other ways to use a law degree

Plenty of people with a JD don't spend any time in court ● Other fields where a law background can help you get ahead

A degree in law does not necessarily turn your career into a prime time crime drama; many who have their Juris Doctorate, or JD, don't work in a courtroom or a precinct. Instead, they follow more alternative routes while using that law school knowledge.

▶ **Business owners:** "A law degree tends to assist business owners in understanding corporate formation and governance, as well as identifying potential legal issues and pitfalls that may occur," explains Melanie Dubis, partner at Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP. "Additionally, a law degree simply helps individuals think in a critical manner when solving business problems."

▶ **Start-up companies:** "I've seen a new trend in law grads going straight into start-ups, mostly Web companies," says Dana Robinson, a partner at TechLaw LLP. "They aren't going in as just a legal team member, but as a real part of the management team."

▶ **Nonprofit work:** Robert L. Spinks is the director of Oklahoma City University's new Nonprofit Leadership program. "More and more people today — particularly young people — are coming out of school with a real passion for helping people," says Spinks. "And they want to do it an organized, accountable way."

▶ **Journalism:** "It's the logic skills, analytical systems thinking, persuasive writing and strategic problem solving we developed and honed in law school that attracts people with JDs to journalism," says Stephanie Schroeder, a graduate of New York Law School and a writer at Curve Magazine.

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10 Most overused LinkedIn profile buzzwords

Do you describe yourself as professionally creative and motivated? Then a new list from LinkedIn suggests another descriptor for you too: Unimaginative.

LinkedIn has analyzed the 135 million accounts on its network to reveal the top 10 overused buzzwords on professional profiles.

"Maybe during the last year, some of our members scrubbed their profiles of buzzwords and more uniquely described themselves?" Simla Ceyhan, a data scientist at LinkedIn, wondered in a post on LinkedIn's blog. "Or maybe there has been a huge growth in the number of 'innovative, motivated, entrepreneurial team players who are results-oriented and thrive in fast-paced environments.'"

There are a few surprises. "Creative" and "effective" didn't even make the list last year, while "extensive experience" dropped to number four from first place. Terms such as "results-oriented" and "team player" have dropped off.

A LinkedIn rep also notes there have been some "minor tweaks" to LinkedIn's methodology for the list.

The top 10

1. Creative
2. Organizational
3. Effective
4. Extensive experience
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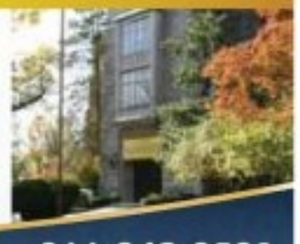

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▶ When was the last time the airport was this welcoming?

Temple wrapping up the holidays

Students from the university's tourism and hospitality management program are bringing some seasonal cheer to the Philadelphia airport

Modern airport security put an end to those Norman Rockwell images of families arriving home for the holidays with armfuls of festively wrapped gifts. The Philadelphia Airport has come up with a solution, though — travelers can buy gifts in the airport after going through security, get them gift-wrapped for free by volunteers from Temple University's School of Tourism and Hospitality Management and take them along.

Students will be managing and operating the gift-wrapping station in the B/C Connector daily from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., through Dec. 24. The service is available to anyone with a receipt from an airport store, including both travelers and airport employees.

This is the first time the airport has partnered with a local school for the annual program. MarketPlace Philadelphia Management, the group that manages retail and food at the airport, will be thanking the STHM with a $5,000 gift. The benefits for the students aren't just monetary, though; they'll be using the time as part of the 250 hours of industry experience they need to log before graduation.

"The school wants to be a part of the dynamic tourism industry in the city," says Elizabeth Barber, associate dean of STHM. "What better place to make an impact than be in a frontline position to interact with visitors — at either their first stop or their last stop while they are visiting our city."

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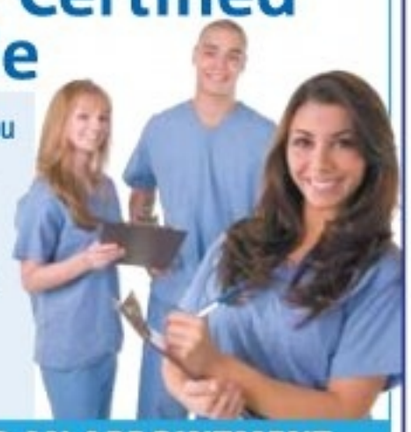
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Is college going to the dogs?

Allowing pets on campus is a hot debate among administrators What they have to consider

A pup gets an afternoon walk at pet-friendly Stetson University.

Over the last decade, the number of pet-friendly dorms has been on the rise, albeit at a caged snail's pace. In 2010 the New York Times put the number of campuses with pet-friendly housing at just 12, and most were small, private colleges.

But 2012 may prove to be the tipping point, as many administrators in university housing say this is the hottest topic in their field.

"In local meetings of [the Association of College and University] Housing Officers, we are often the institution that people are looking for answers from on this issue," says Ben Falter, the director of housing at Stetson University in Florida. Stetson currently has 60 pet-friendly individual units on campus. "People are really pressing to know how to do it and how it's working for us."

"You have to have a plan to make sure you're taking care of these animals humanely if, as a college, you're going to be responsible for students having animals." FALTER

Stetson became pet-friendly in 2010, after incoming president Wendy B. Libby pressed the issue. Libby is the former president of Stephens College, ranked second-most pet-friendly school in the nation by Petside.com.

But even at the most liberal colleges, many administrators still see pitfalls.

"We had a lot of discussion around things like, will dorms be inspected to ensure that animals are well cared for? Who will be responsible for that? How will we set standards?" says Unity College's assistant professor of wildlife, Sarah Cunningham. Unity decided against pet-friendly dorms this year. "You have to have a plan to make sure you're taking care of these animals humanely if, as a college, you're going to be responsible for students having animals."

A campus-wide commitment

"We haven't just made a pet hall on campus, but we've made the entire campus pet-friendly. That means an institutional commitment, not just from people in housing," explains Falter. "It means we have to take the details into account — like making sure there is a dog park, there are places for pets to go to the bathroom, that we don't install carpets in pet-friendly facilities and that we're sensitive to student allergies."

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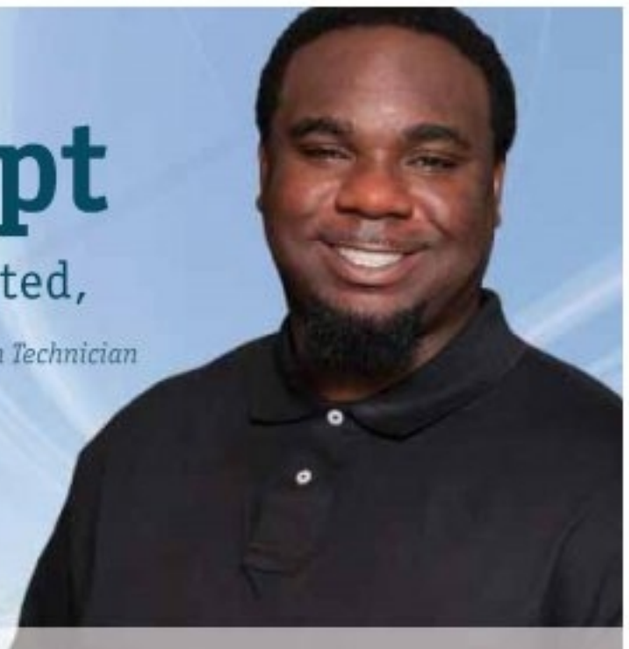
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RE: "THIRSTY, VOTERS? THIS PARTY'S JUST GETTING START-ED": The opposition should take note of the Tea Party's organization and effort. The upcoming congressional elections may be crucial and historic. Based on recent performance, no Republican or Democrat seat should be considered safe.
GLENN HAYES, VIA E-MAIL

It would seem that the solution for a balanced economy would be to cut funding for education, senior citizens, after school activities, Medicare, Medicaid, heating for seniors — all in the name of "no new taxes." Is it any wonder we've become a third world nation complete with protests across the United States in total disgust at what is going on in Washington, D.C.? Fed-up voters will have a lot to say at the ballot box come the next election.
HERB STARK, VIA E-MAIL

Does this look like unity?

RE: "POWER TO THE PEOPLE?": Imagine a trillionaire with no personality or sense of justice, only an unthinking drive to increase his wealth. Now tell him he can spend as much as he wants to change the lawmakers who make the laws. It isn't hard to imagine his goal: elect those who want to decrease taxes, making it harder to regulate his behavior! Oh, and if any congressional representatives do a good job for him, there's a nice lobbying gig after their political careers are over. Welcome to our brave new world, post Citizens United.
LARRY PAL, VIA E-MAIL

Citizens United vs. FEC did not give corporations new legal rights. What it did was overturn part of the campaign finance reform bill that prohibited non-media corporations from disseminating info that supports or opposes candidates. And Mr. Simms' high dudgeon is hypocritical: He works for a media corporation that was permitted to engage in political advocacy, yet he thinks that other corporations should not have the same rights! Does the editor of Metro believe in free speech for himself but not for others?
RON SHELTON, VIA E-MAIL

Giving corporations the same rights enjoyed by private persons will lead to fascism. Such protections for these soulless entities goes against all that our founders stood for. These days we live in a ruthless corpocracy that owns our body politic.
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♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** If you don't appear to be overly anxious or eager a buyer, you should be able to negotiate a much better price for what you want. Don't hesitate to dicker like the dickens.
♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Because you're full of new ideas and especially good at conceptualizing what to do with them, there's little doubt you'll implement your plans in a sober, prudent and feasible manner.
♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Don't hesitate to remind someone of his or her obligations if it seems like this person is ignoring them. If you don't, your chances of receiving what is owed you will be slimmer.
♓ Pisces Feb. **20-March 20.** Something that you're hoping to obtain is in your grasp if you are able to regroup and try again when necessary. Don't give up on the first go-around.
♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** To your credit, you have the stick-to-itiveness necessary to face and conquer the most challenging situations, mostly because of your persistence and ability to think on the fly.
♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Follow the same game plan that led you to victory before, because there's no reason why it wouldn't work again.
♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** In endeavors where you are trying to develop a second source of income, operate along familiar lines where you know you have a chance for success.
♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Of all the signs, you are the one who usually derives the greatest benefits from being protective of those who mean a lot to you. This is likely to be true for you once again.
♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Adopt an industrious attitude, because your earning potential is especially strong at this time, and it should be taken advantage of. Operate along your usual lines and you'll have success.
♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Opportunities exist for you to revitalize an old relationship that once meant a lot to you. Who knows how long it'll be before you'll get this chance again.
♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Use your imagination to visualize the manner in which an important situation could resolve itself. Chances are you should be able to successfully follow its blueprint to rock-solid success.
♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Treat an important situation with the seriousness it deserves, especially when you know reorganization is called for. Once you make the necessary changes, favorable results will occur.
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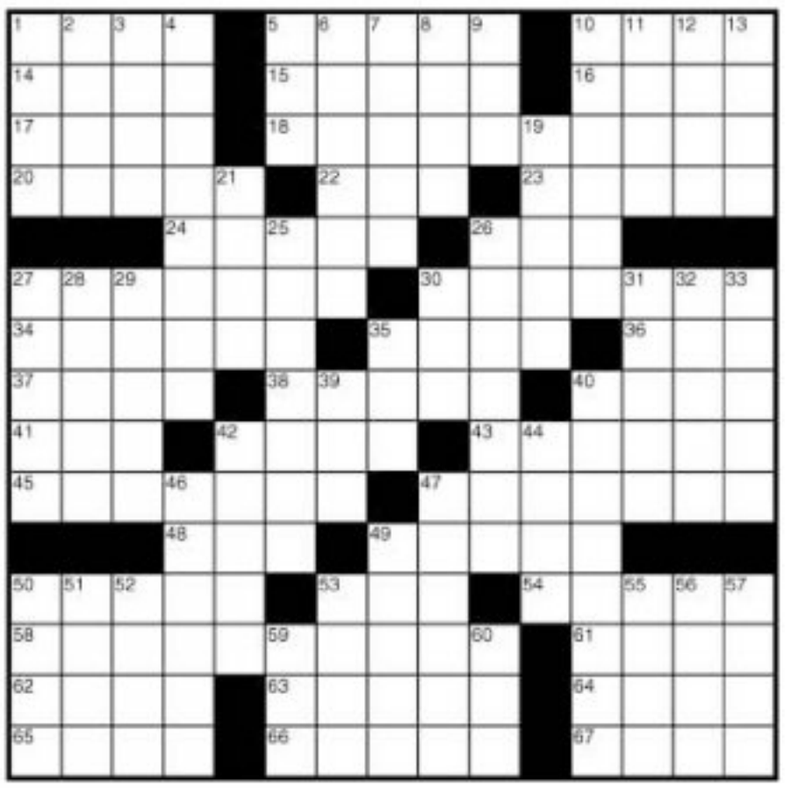

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Solution to weekend's crossword

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Birds not giving up postseason dream

Eagles rout Jets to keep playoff hopes alive McCoy breaks franchise's touchdown record Celek, Babin turn in huge days in victory Team still believes they can win NFC East

There were plenty of smiles yesterday at Lincoln Financial Field.

Outside the stadium, security guards greeted fans by shouting updates of the Giants-Redskins score. Inside, the Eagles reeled off 28 straight points and kept their playoff hopes alive with a 45-19 blowout win over the Jets.

"Still alive," LeSean McCoy said with a smile. "Just shows you the type of fight we have. We got to win these last few games to even have a shot. Not even that, just having some pride for ourselves."

With the Giants losing right before kickoff, the Eagles can still win the NFC East. All that has to happen is for the Birds to win their remaining two games, with the Giants losing next week and then beating the Cowboys in Week 17. It's the stuff of dreams … then again, isn't that what this team is all about?

"Obviously, someone is looking out for us. We still have a chance with two games left, after how slowly we started," said Nnamdi Asomugha. "I think it was crazy after the Seattle loss, when we saw that we still had a chance. I think, at this point, it's just full on belief that we can do it."

In yesterday's win, the Eagles may have played their finest game of the season. The defense forced four turnovers, while holding the Jets to just 241 total yards. More importantly, there was no fourth-quarter collapse.

Offensively, the team was efficient and explosive as Mike Vick went 15-of-22 for 274 yards. He threw for a touchdown and ran one in for his first rushing TD this season. McCoy, with 1,274 rushing yards, continued his MVP campaign by racking up 102 yards and scoring three times. His 20 total touchdowns (17 rushing) broke a 66-year-old franchise record.

"When you win, everything feels better," McCoy said. "If we can get into the playoffs, it could be dangerous for teams."

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▶ Jason Babin sacked Jets QB Mark Sanchez three times yesterday and has a career-high 18 sacks on the year.

J-Roll coming back

Rollins sticking with Phillies

The Phillies found their shortstop.

Jimmy Rollins and the team agreed on a three-year, $33 million contract, according to multiple news outlets. The deal reportedly includes an $11 million vesting option for a fourth year. The Phils have yet to confirm the deal, but Rollins did so via Twitter.

3 things we saw …

1 Sack master — Defensive end Jason Babin is the poster boy for the Wide Nine. Coming off the edge, Babin is virtually impossible to lock down as he proved once again yesterday by notching three more sacks. It marked the second straight week Babin had at least three sacks in a game and gave him 18 for the season, just three short of the club record set by Reggie White in 1987.

2 Middle man — With Darrelle Revis taking turns on DeSean Jackson and Jeremy Maclin, the Eagles made tight end Brent Celek the go-to guy. Celek's 26-yard TD catch late in the first quarter stretched the Eagles lead to 14-0. Later, Vick found him on a short slant that Celek turned into a 73-yard gain before being knocked out at the 1-yard line. Celek finished with five catches for 156 yards, which was the most receiving yards for an Eagles tight end since 1965.

3 Protect No. 7 — Coach Andy Reid wasted no time lifting quarterback Mike Vick early in the fourth quarter, right after he took a jarring hit, crumpled to the turf and was slow to get up. With the Eagles up huge, there was no reason to leave Vick in harm's way. Not even Vince Young could blow a 32-point lead. After the game, Reid said Vick's injured ribs were fine and he had planned to pull him all along.

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The latest in trade disputes involves large cars and SUVs Chinese claim vehicles cause 'substantial damage to China's domestic industry' and call for tariffs up to 22 percent

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▶ The Cadillac Escalade, made by General Motors Co., would be subject to the proposed duties.

China will impose punitive duties of up to 22 percent on large cars and SUVs exported from the United States, China's Commerce Ministry said last week. It's the latest in a series of trade disputes between the world's two largest economies. The new duties take aim at exports valued near $4 billion this year and models that include the Cadillac Escalade made by General Motors Co., the Jeep Grand Cherokee from Fiat SpA affiliate Chrysler Group LLC and SUVs from Daimler AG's Mercedes and BMW AG.

China's action comes at an awkward time for U.S.-China relations, with China's currency and trade policies becoming a focus of criticism for U.S. presidential candidates and as China's growing diplomatic and military influence raises concern.

Chinese officials said the U.S.-built SUVs and large cars were being dumped on the Chinese market and causing "substantial damage to China's domestic industry." Vehicle exports to China had already been subject to a 25 percent tariff and the new tariff will be in addition to that duty. The decision comes after China lost a two-year fight over tire exports to the United States in September.

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US reaction

▶ **"We are very disappointed in this action by China," U.S. Trade Representative spokeswoman Carol Guthrie said. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, a Democrat who represents Michigan, called on the USTR to challenge the tariffs.**

GM's strategy

GM, the U.S. automaker with the largest presence in China, said it would work with representatives of both the U.S. and Chinese governments to try to find a solution "consistent with a constructive global trade environment." GM expects to sell about 11,000 SUVs and large cars built in the United States to China this year.

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